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PREPARATION

Check out the latest travel advice for Russia and information on the different regions, local laws and customs



HEALTHCARE

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is not valid in Russia, so it is essential that you take out travel insurance appropriate for all the activities you plan to do



FAN ID

Once you have an official ticket you will need to apply for a Fan ID. This replaces the need for a separate visa. You must apply for it before you travel



VISAS

If you do not have an official ticket you will need to apply for a visa to enter Russia. Allow plenty of time and make sure it covers the length of your stay



PASSPORT

Look after your passport and keep it in a safe place. If you're travelling on a visa, make sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after the visa expiry date. Take 2 copies of it and always keep one with you



MATCH TICKETS

Only purchase tickets from official suppliers. You will need a Fan ID linked to your ticket to enter a stadium



GETTING AROUND

Plan your journeys, Russia is a huge country and distances between cities can be vast. Official match ticket and Fan ID holders can apply for free travel on selected trains



ACCOMMODATION

You are required to register in every host city visited within 72 hours of arrival. Book accommodation in advance and check that your hotel or host has registered your stay in each destination



STAY UP TO DATE

Sign up for travel advice email alerts at gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/russia



BE RESPONSIBLE

Always follow the advice of local authorities and respect local laws and customs. Anti-social behaviour including excessive alcohol consumption will not be tolerated



IF THINGS GO WRONG

In the event of an emergency, call 112. For consular assistance, for example if you lose your passport, call +7 495 956 7200

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WELCOME TO THE LATEST EDITION OF FREE LIONS 160

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Colombia v England
Spartak Stadium, Moscow
Tuesday, 3rd July 2018
Kick-off 21:00, local time
England will probably play in RED.



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AND welcome to Moscow, for what we hope will be the first of three games we play in Russia's capital city, with only a brief interlude in Samara along the way.

Being here is of course a consequence of failing to win the group by seeing off Belgium in Kaliningrad, but in an attempt to look on the bright side, it can be argued that we have instead ended up with the easier route to the semi-final. History has taught us however that nothing can be taken for granted, and Colombia will be both up for the challenge and well supported in the Spartak Stadium.

Moscow is a huge city and can appear bewildering at times, so it's probably just as well that here, as with all other venues hosting England games, you can rely on a source of independent and objective information and advice

brought to you by the Football Supporters' Federation.

Fans' Embassy Location

The FSF fans' embassy will be based at the tourist information office at Triumfalnaya Square, which is next to Mayakovskaya Metro station on line 2, the dark green line.

It's just two stops up from Red Square and can also be reached on foot from the same starting point, a mere 40 minutes' walk north-west up Tverskaya Street.

As always, the fans' embassy will operate on the day before match day and match day itself, so that's from 10:00 until 17:00 on both Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd of July.

We will of course continue to be available around the clock via the telephone helpline, on +44 7956 121314 or, from Russian phones, on +7 977 278 5820.

COVER STORY

Marcus Rashford played his part from the bench against Tunisia but was not rewarded with a start in the demolition of Panama. In the group decider against Belgium the Manchester United forward came closest for England in a low-key defeat.



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WE JUST CAN'T WIN

THE FANS THAT IS, NOT THE TEAM



It seems that one article in the last edition of Free Lions has caused a bit of a stir.

Our piece headed "How to join the party" revealed that all that was required to get a Fan ID which allows you to enter Russia was your passport details, an appropriate photograph, and the reference number from a match ticket – ANY match ticket, regardless of whose name is on it, how many other times it has been used to apply for a Fan ID, or even if the match in question has already taken place.

Getting your FAN ID sorted should be the first thing you do, before booking flights or paying for accommodation, as without one you won't get into the country. It's free, and you can have the electronic version literally within minutes, leaving you to pick up the hard copy needed to enter a stadium from one of the many Fan ID centres in the

host cities. The only alternative is to apply for a visa, which costs money and takes time.

According to various media reports, this amounts to the FSF encouraging "ticketless fans" to flood into Russia. Let's be clear about this: we're not telling anybody what they should or shouldn't do about coming to Russia. But we are an independent football supporters' organisation, and what we have always done, and will continue to do, is to provide, to the best of our ability, accurate and objective information, so that fans can make their own decisions.

It is a ridiculous idea that 'ticketless fans' are somehow inherently problematic. There are plenty of members of the ESTC who had tickets for the Tunisia or Panama games who didn't qualify for one for the Belgium game, and so on arrival in Kaliningrad are technically transformed into 'ticketless fans' – that doesn't make their behaviour any different. Similarly, anyone else who has seen media reports of how positive the England fans' experience has been in Russia so far and has decided they just want to be part of it does not deserve to be stigmatised because they don't – yet – have a ticket for a game.

Leaving that aside though, sometimes it seems that England fans can never win. Various UK media outlets have spent months – with the BBC's "Russia's Hooligan

Army" documentary setting the pace, and others generalising about a whole nation based on the actions of a couple of hundred thugs in Marseille – terrifying fans with the prospect of racism and violence at the World Cup, contributing to the lowest turnout at a World Cup for decades.

There then follows a series of features bemoaning how sad and disappointing it is that England's fans are so under-represented at the tournament, as it becomes clear that far from facing the hostile environment predicted, England fans tell story after story of the warmth and friendliness of local people and the positive experiences we've enjoyed.

As that very different picture filters through at home, inevitably many England fans start to reconsider their initial decision to stay away: cause for rejoicing, surely? Apparently not, as the stories are published about England fans "exploiting loopholes" in order to flood, ticketless, into Russia – as if now suddenly the presence of larger numbers of England fans is a bad thing.

As long as England fans continue to respond in the same positive way to the warmth and hospitality we've been shown so far – and there's absolutely no evidence to suggest that lack of a ticket makes you less likely to do that – then surely more England fans here can only be good for the team, the tournament and the party?

WORLD CUP GROUND RULES

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

As is usually the case at any FIFA World Cup, there are standard rules and regulations that are intended to apply at all tournament venues, and this has generally been the case around all the Russia 2018 stadiums. Nonetheless, there are still variations in how strictly various aspects of the rules are enforced from venue to venue, and we will be doing our best to establish what applies locally in each of the stadiums we visit.



For all games, the stadium will open three hours before kick-off. Every ticket is marked with the number of a gate. It seems that most stadiums will allow ticket holders to enter via any gate, however it is worth being aware that in some cases (e.g. France v Australia game in Kazan), entry was only permitted via the gate marked on the ticket. Bear in mind that the perimeters around the stadiums are in some cases very long, even between gates with the next consecutive number, so allow extra time in case you are re-directed to a different gate.

Security checks are thorough. On arrival, every fan must be in possession of a match ticket, and



your own FAN ID. The steward at the turnstiles will scan and check both your FAN ID (to prove your identity – your photo will appear on a screen) and your ticket (to establish that you have a genuine ticket for that game. There is no link between the ticket and the FAN ID, so it doesn't matter if you're using a ticket that wasn't originally issued to you; the FAN ID though is very much person-specific.

Bags bigger than about the size of an A4 sheet of paper are not allowed into the stadium; any larger and you can be turned back from the turnstile and sent to the luggage deposit cabin to drop it off for collection after the match. Queues for these facilities have been very long, with waits of over an hour, and be warned, they fill up quickly. If you're in any doubt you'd be wise to allow yourself plenty of time ahead of kick-off.

After passing through the turnstiles, you will pass through airport-style

scanners – pockets must be emptied, jewellery and belts removed before passing through the scanner, and you will be asked to switch on any phones or cameras to prove that they are functioning devices.

The usual list of prohibited items applies – more details can be found at welcome2018.com. Flags are allowed if they do not exceed the size of 2m x 1.5m. Anything larger than this requires a special application certificate, which needs to have been applied for 20 days prior to the match. All flags will be checked for content to exclude any racist, political, discriminatory or inflammatory material.

Smoking inside the ground is strictly forbidden, with some stadiums rigorously enforcing the rule. Alcohol is on sale, with Budweiser at 350R a can. Soft drinks are all R200, and snacks are also available, including burgers and hotdogs priced at R300.



WINNING SECOND PLACE

BY CLIVE HETHERINGTON



LOTS to talk about at this World Cup. Thankfully, though, lots were not the topic of discussion in the aftermath of England's final Group G game against Belgium in Kaliningrad.

A drawn match would have seen the top two places decided on fair play records – a game of cards, if you like. Failing that, it would have come down to the drawing of lots to settle the order of qualification.

The sides' statistics all but matched up going into this encounter, England only leading the group due to having picked up two yellow cards to Belgium's three.

By the end, the card count was 5-2 to Belgium, but that proved irrelevant. Real Sociedad's former Manchester United starlet Adnan Januzaj struck an impressive 51st-minute goal – his first for his country – and it was enough to ensure that England finished

second and headed for their clash with Group H winners Colombia here in Moscow.

For England boss Gareth Southgate and his side, the 1-0 defeat was their first setback since the 3-2 friendly loss away to France just over a year ago.

Ex-England coach Glenn Hoddle, in charge when the Three Lions beat Colombia 2-0 at the World Cup in France 20 years ago, said: "Gareth, his staff and the players will be disappointed that they lost, but Belgium were the far better team.

"It was a fantastic goal from Januzaj, but maybe in the last ten minutes or so England didn't do the pressing they might have done if it had been the knockout stages – I felt they didn't press the ball and take a risk. They were quite content to just let it ride out.

"I'm not quite sure where we are still, but there were a lot of

positives – I think there's still a lot to come from this side, there really is. I think they'll be champing at the bit to get out there against Colombia and get themselves into the quarter-finals.

"Colombia are a decent side, but James Rodriguez is injured and that's a plus for us because he's a good player and I think we can beat them."

Hoddle added: "I think they're a slightly better side, attacking-wise, than the one we faced in '98. We played very well that night – Darren Anderton and David Beckham scoring – and it could have been more, to be honest. They were quite frail defensively and this side have got a bit more about them."

It was said neither side wanted to win Group G because of the perceived smoother path through the tournament for the team finishing second.

Injuries and disciplinary considerations meant both Southgate and Belgium counterpart Roberto Martinez made changes – eight and nine respectively.

Defender Kyle Walker and midfielder Ruben Loftus-Cheek were the England players on cards, while the Belgians had Kevin De Bruyne, Jan Vertonghen and Thomas Meunier with bookings to their names. Only Loftus-Cheek featured.

England captain Harry Kane, who hoisted his tournament goal haul

to five with his hat-trick in the 6-1 panning of Panama, was rested. Manchester United striker Romelu Lukaku, on target twice in both the 3-0 win against Panama and 5-2 victory over Tunisia, was missing for Belgium through injury, as was Chelsea forward Eden Hazard.

Belgium have now won each of their last seven World Cup group stage matches after winning the final one in 2002, and all three in 2014 and this summer.

And they were the more threatening early in the game as England made an unsteady start. Midfielder Youri Tielemans tested Everton keeper Jordan Pickford with a deceptive, dipping shot that seemed to catch the keeper unawares as he fisted it away.

Pickford then lost the ball in a scramble, Michy Batshuayi kicking it out of his hands and towards goal, but the striker's Chelsea clubmate Gary Cahill was vigilant as he reacted quickly to clear off the line.

Tielemans' 19th-minute booking for a foul on Danny Rose was good news at the time for England and their card advantage was extended when the left wing-back was later brought down by Leander Dendoncker, who was cautioned.

In between, rookie England right wing-back Trent Alexander-Arnold did well to block Marouane Fellaini's drilled effort, which looked goalbound.

AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH CLIVE HETHERINGTON?

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England created little in the first half, a Loftus-Cheek header that drifted wide was their best attempt, as frontmen Jamie Vardy and Marcus Rashford struggled to make inroads.

These sides know each other well through their Premier League careers and it was all very friendly – especially between Tottenham teammates Kane, Vertonghen and Dele Alli – on the touchline just before the start of the second half.

But Belgium debunked any notions of indifference when Januzaj conjured a marvellous goal, checking inside Rose on the right and curling a left-footed finish high into the far corner of the net, with Pickford just appearing to get a touch. It was the sort of brilliance Januzaj rarely showed when he was on loan at Sunderland and Pickford's teammate.

England spurned a glorious chance to level in the 66th minute when Rashford was clean through, but keeper Thibaut Courtois applied a touch of his own to send the ball wide.

Danny Welbeck was summoned from the bench in the hope that the Arsenal striker could work more of his England magic.

Southgate has credited England's effectiveness from set-pieces to a Scot – Three Lions' striker coach Allan Russell, who spent playing spells with Macclesfield, Mansfield and Forest Green Rovers.



But Rashford's free-kick flew over and when the Manchester United man delivered a corner, the ball broke to Welbeck, whose shot was blocked by Fellaini.

Substitute Dries Mertens threatened a second Belgium goal near the end with a strike that stung the hands of Pickford.

Questions were raised about the £30million keeper's performance after the game.

Gary Neville, speaking after the match on ITV, said: "For the goal, the keeper was a bit strange. He went for the ball with the wrong hand and it's a bit weird with the dive."

And fellow former England right-back Lee Dixon added: "I think, when the ball was struck, he had to go with his right hand. We're a little bit worried about Pickford – I think this was the first time he was tested."

HARRY KANE MUSIC QUIZ



TO celebrate Harry Kane's hat-trick against Panama, the first by an England player at a World Cup Finals since 1986, Scouse Phil has provided us with a quiz where all the questions and/or answers have something to do with either Harry or Kane.

1 Which punk band had a Top Ten hit in 1978 with the song 'Hurry Up Harry'? Was it Sham 69, Tenpole Tudor or UK Subs?

2 Debbie Harry is the lead singer of which band which has had numerous Number One hits including, 'Atomic', 'Call Me' and 'Sunday Girl'?



Question 2:
Debbie Harry

3 In June 2017 Harry Kane captained England for the first time - and also scored - in the city where the bands Belle and Sebastian, The Fratellis and Primal Scream were all formed. Which city is it?

4 Teen idol Eden Kane had a Top Ten hit in the 1960s with 'Boys Cry', but which Robert Smith-led band had a hit with 'Boys Don't Cry' 22 years later?

5 Which song about the birth of Jesus was a Christmas Number One by Boney M, having also been a Number One nearly 30 years earlier for singer and civil rights campaigner Harry Belafonte?

6 The fantastic Sheffield-based band 'Hangin' On To Harry' was named after a campaign to keep which ex-Wimbledon manager at Sheffield United?

7 'Closest Thing to Heaven' was a hit in the 1980s for The Kane Gang, but after which iconic black and white Orson Welles film did they get their name?

8 Love Island presenter Caroline Flack and US singer Taylor Swift have both been romantically linked with which former member of the boy band One Direction?

9 Irish group Clannad had a Top Five hit in the 1980s with the theme tune from which TV series - was it 'Harry's Fame', 'Harry's Game' or 'Harry's Home'?

10 Singers James Blunt, Josh Stone and Elton John were amongst the celebrities who attended whose wedding in May this year?

Answers can be found on [page 23](#)



Question 8:
Taylor Swift

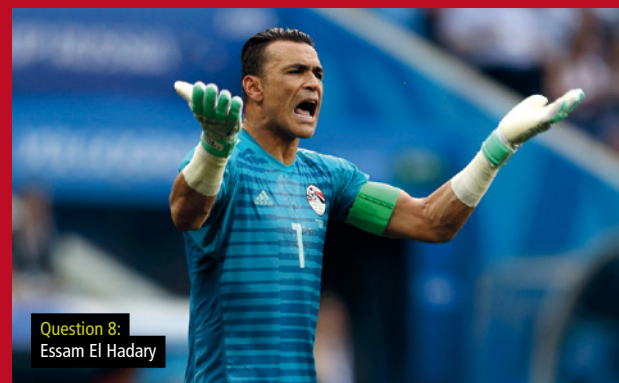
STATS WE LIKE

- England's sixth goal against Panama came after 25 uninterrupted consecutive passes, the longest sequence for an England World Cup goal since 1966.
- At the end of the group stage, England central defender John Stones has scored as many World Cup goals as twelve countries have managed, among them Germany.
- In his first 150 minutes of World Cup football, Harry Kane's tally of World Cup goals has equalled the career totals of Geoff Hurst, Raul, Zidane, Zico and Garrincha.
- Harry Kane is the first player to score five goals in his first two World Cup games since 1958.

SCOUSE PHIL'S FREE LIONS
FOOTBALL QUIZ

CYRILLIC ALPHABET

You might want to learn this, there's a test in the next issue. :)



Question 8:
Essam El Hadary

1 Which was the first European team eliminated in the Group Stages of this World Cup Finals Tournament having lost their first two games?

2 Who was the first Premier League player to score in this tournament, doing so in the seventh game v Iceland?

3 And which player, who has scored in this tournament, conceded the most free kicks in the Premier League last season?

4 The World Cup Finals Tournament in 2026 is being extended and will feature how many teams?

5 Which player who has scored in these finals shares his surname with a make of car?

6 VAR has caused much controversy already at these finals, but what does VAR stand for?

7 Which player scored the 100th goal in these finals, and in the process helped his side progress to the last 16 with a 2-1 victory?

8 Egyptian goalie Essam El Hadary became the oldest player to appear in a World Cup Finals Tournament when he played against Saudi Arabia, but how old is he?

9 The flag of which country includes 'a blue disc depicting a starry sky, spanned by a curved band inscribed with the national motto 'Ordem e Progresso'?

10 I was born in 1992 in Soham, have been on loan at various clubs including Harrow Borough, Welling Utd and Aldershot, played in 35 Premier League games in the season just gone, and am in the England squad for these finals. Who am I?

А а	a	a: bat
Б б	be	b: bit
В в	ve	v: vet
Г г	ge	g: goat
Д д	de	d: dot
Е е	ye	No equivalent
Ё ё	yo	No equivalent
Ж ж	zhe	zh: pleasure
З з	ze	z: zoo
И и	i	i: ski
Й й	i/krat/ka/ye	y: toy
К к	ka	k: king
Л л	el	l: lift
М м	em	m: my
Н н	en	n: not
О о	o	o: more
П п	pe	p: put
Р р	er	r: rib (rolled r)
С с	es	s: sun
Т т	te	t: ton
У у	u	u: put
Ф ф	ef	f: fun
Х х	kha	ch: Bach
Ц ц	tse	ts: bits
Ч ч	che	ch: chip
Ш ш	sha	sh: shop
Щ щ	shcha	No equivalent
Ъ ъ	tyvor/dih znak	Soft preceding consonant
Ы ы	ih	y: any
Ь ь	myakh/ki znak	y (soft)
Э э	e	e: ten
Ю ю	yu	No equivalent
Я я	ya	No equivalent

WELCOME TO MOSCOW

YOUR FREE LIONS GUIDE



WELCOME to **Moscow** for England's last-16 clash against the winners up of Group H, Colombia. Gareth Southgate's side finished second in the group with six points and a run out for the reserves.

Many of you have immersed yourselves in **Volgograd's** history, revelled in the party scene of **Nizhny** and then slept it all off in **Kaliningrad**. So to you, hello again, and to those in Russia for the first time this summer, welcome!

Those joining the party will have heard about the tremendous greeting afforded to fans and joyous scenes during the tournament. Be sure to drink it in, fill up on the culture, enjoy yourself and, most importantly, stay safe.

So here we are in the capital, the city that is the beating heart of

Russia. A gargantuan urban sprawl that accounts for almost a tenth of the nation's population.

The city is the second most populated in Europe and is the figurehead of Russian politics and finance, holding mass appeal to travellers from around the world.

Every year over four million tourists flock to Moscow desperate to visit its three UNESCO World Heritage Sites and rummage a little further field.

The city was founded back in 1147 at the meeting point of two rivers, the **Moskva** and the **Neglinka**, with a crown jewel at its centre: **the Kremlin**.

The Kremlin is both an active and visual symbol of power within, and outside of, Russia. From this centrepiece **Moscow** expands outwards, with all roads extending from it and **Red Square**.

This iconic landmark is set in a city of continuous architecture, which, unlike some Russian cities, isn't confined to its history.

The increasing diversity of wealth within **Moscow** ensures a trip is laden with fine food, high-end retail and hearty culture, alongside the modern activities and art you would expect from any westernised city.

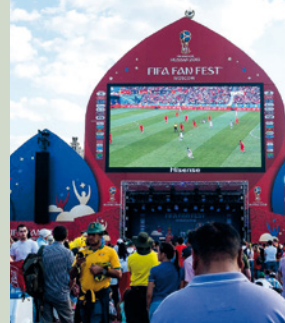
Yet amongst all this urbanisation lies a green city. Locals and visitors alike explore local gardens and enjoy picnics in the park.

During the tournament **Moscow** has become the focal point of World Cup broadcast, as well as home for many supporters arriving in Russia from around the world.

>> WHAT TO EXPECT

District: Central District
Population: 12,300,000
Time Zone: BST +2 hours
Average June Temp.: 17°
Area: 2,511km²
From London: 2,000km

>> FAN FEST



Moscow's Fan Fest is located at the **Vorobyovy Goryand** and has a 25,000 capacity.

>> WORLD CUP STADIUMS

All stadiums used during the 2018 FIFA World Cup have an information desk - including lost and found help, pushchair storage and an opportunity to leave feedback - a left luggage facility (on the provision of a match ticket), entertainment, food and drink, ATMs and official tournament gift shops.

>> THE STADIUM



THE **Spartak Stadium** has a capacity of 45,000. You may see it referred to as the **Otkritie Arena** as part of a sponsorship deal, but during the World Cup it will be known as the **Spartak**.

Located on the site of the former **Tushino Airport**, it was built between 2010 and 2014. It was officially opened on the 5th September 2014 when Spartak Moscow drew 1-1 with Red Star Belgrade.

The stadium's construction cost 200 million Euros and is remarkably the first ground to be owned by Spartak. The Russian Premier League side will continue to play its matches here after the World Cup has finished.

The venue's exterior features a light system to reflect the colours of the teams playing, similar to Bayern Munich's Allianz Arena. Outside the stadium you will also find a number of statues, as well as a Spartak museum. However, during the tournament this may not be accessible.

The stadium has hosted four group stage matches at this year's tournament, including Senegal's victory over Poland, which saw the European side eliminated. Last summer it staged four games of the Confederations Cup. International matches involving the Russian national team have also been held here. These have been friendlies against Lithuania, Moldova, Sweden and Austria.

DID YOU KNOW?

- There are 84 billionaires in Moscow, the most of any city globally
- The city often has unemployment rates as low as 1%

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GETTING TO THE GROUND



SITUATED in the northwest of Moscow the stadium is 14km from the centre. Despite its distance from the capital's heart, it is actually one of the most accessible World Cup venues.

It is easily reached by metro. Take line 7 and disembark at **Spartak**, the shortest station in walking distance of the stadium. In some cases this may only be five minutes by foot, but please check your entry gate number, if you are on the far side of the ground the walk could take up to half an hour.

Alternatively, the **Tushinskaya Metro Station** is only 10 minutes walk, which again could be extended depending on your entry point.

This metro stop is part of a larger transportation hub which includes a suburban bus station and the **Tushino railway station**.

To reach this hub you can take any of the following:

Municipal buses: 2, 88, 210, 248, 266, 372, 400T, 409, 436, 450, 455, 460M, 464, 467, 540, 541, 542, 549, 568, 575, 614, 631, 640, 741, 741K, 777, 904, 904K 930, 961, 964.

Suburban buses: 230, 301, 307, 372, 409, 450, 455, 464, 964.

You can also travel to **Tushino station** by commuter trains. These depart from both the **Kursky** and **Rizhsky Railway Stations**. In addition, free shuttle buses will be in operation between the stadium, **Aeroport metro station** and **Sheremetyevo International Airport**, the city's main hub.

Wheelchair access to the stadium can be found at the left pavillion of the northern entrance. This is located to the left of the gladiator sculpture.

>> GETTING AROUND

Taxi: These are of course more expensive than the metro but should arrive within ten minutes of your request. Beware, they can prove slower than public transport due to congestion.

Metro: For many this is the fastest and most effective way to explore. You are unlikely to be waiting more than a few minutes for a service and the network operates between the hours of 05:30-01:30.

The system comprises over 150 stations. These can be easily identified from ground level by the large 'M' signs outside. If you are moving between districts you should expect a couple of changes, usually on **Koltsevaya (Ring) Line**, the **Moscow Central Ring (MCR)**, or within one of the central stations.

>> TICKET COLLECTION

- **Zhitnaya Street, 4**
Monday to Sunday 10:00-20:00 (21:00 for late kickoffs)
- **Domodedovo Airport**
International Arrivals Area
- **Sheremetyevo Airport**
Terminal D, International Arrivals Area
- **Vnukovo airport**
Terminal A, International Arrivals Area
- **Proektiruemy proezd 4062**
6 build 16.

Tickets can be purchased using either cash or card and there are a number of options to consider.

One choice is to buy a ticket for the number of journeys you wish to make. This can be between one and 60 on one ticket. Each journey is R55, but the price is reduced the more you buy. A full ticket of 60 journeys equates to around R28 per trip.

The alternative is a ticket that is limited by time, but not by journeys. One day is R210, three days R400 and seven days R800. These can also be purchased for 30 and 90 day periods.

Troika Cards: Can be used to pay for transit on the metro, buses, trolleybuses and trams. Money can be added at fare terminals and transport hubs. A journey on the metro will cost you R35, and the card's value of R50 will be refunded to you once returned.

An app can be downloaded where you can view maps and follow your route whilst on the go.

Bus, Trolleybus, Tram: The timetable stretches from 05:00-01:00 with 11 services continuing through the night. Seven of these are buses, including the H1 to **Sheremetyevo Airport**.

There are also a handful of semi-express bus routes. These only visit

major stops and tend to be bigger buses, identifiable by virtue of their numbers beginning with a nine.

Journeys cost R35 with a Troika Card or R55 for a single. As with the metro, you can purchase bundles of tickets at reduced rates.

Commuter trains: Useful for reaching suburban destinations, which may prove vital with accommodation spread throughout the city. Fares start at R20 and increase with distance covered.



THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN RUSSIA

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- if you need it
- Contact your friends & family
 - Put you in touch with lawyers if you need them
 - Issue a replacement

travel document (this may be subject to a fee)

- Contact you within 24 hours of being in hospital/prison

To contact them for consular assistance (for instance if you lose your passport): **ring +7 495 956 7200** – or of course you can contact us at the fans' embassy, and we'll put you in touch.

THE BRITISH EMBASSY CAN

- Provide info on transferring money from the UK
- Help you get medical attention

THE BRITISH EMBASSY CANNOT

- Pay your hotel, legal, medical or any other bills
- Investigate a crime
- Make travel arrangements for you
- Give you legal advice
- Get you out of jail
- Get you a ticket for the final!

WELCOME TO MOSCOW

YOUR FREE LIONS GUIDE



EATING AND DRINKING



YOU will be spoilt for choice when it comes to food and drink. High end restaurants are plentiful, but so are the household fast-food chains and reasonably priced eateries offering local cuisine and three-course business lunches for only a few hundred rubles.

Vegetarian options can be found, but you will do well to find somewhere solely catering for this. Handily, most places accept plastic, and English speaking staff and menus are more common than in some of the places we've been to.

Unsurprisingly, outlets closer to the **Kremlin** tend to cash in on their location, though the **Bosco Cafe** and **Coffee Mania** are two exceptions. Both are in a prime

location for the main landmarks and offer meals for R1,000.

Away from the centre you can take your pick. The myth of Russian food being low quality is outdated, and whilst more expensive than the rest of the nation, prices are only what you would expect from a capital city.

Authentic cuisine is readily available: the likes of **Khachapuri** and **Darbazi** dish up proper Georgian fayre of meats and bread, with many meals costing R500.

Favorite offers more familiar food: American style grub and drinks from its own in-house microbrewery. Mains rise to around R1,000. **The George Best** is along similar lines but also houses a late-night party scene across its three floors. Both show live sports.

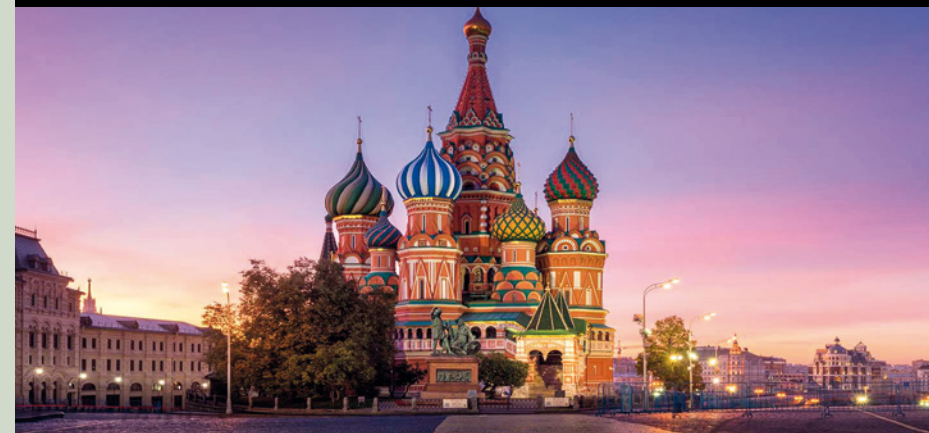
For drinks the **Bobby Dazzler** and **English Pub Albion** provide a taste of home. The bars of **Jaws Spot** and **Rule Tap Room** offer craft beers on draught.

For those of you hunting for a livelier and longer night, **Propaganda** doesn't close until 06:00. It's good for cheap drinks and alternative tunes.

Those looking to push the boat out will have no issues finding something finer. Both **Bolshoi** and **Savva** combine high quality service and excellent food. They also cater for a range of special dietary requirements.

The city has an expanding LGBT+ scene. **Secret** offers cheap drinks and dance floors, whilst **12 Volts** was the founding place of **Moscow's** lesbian movement.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO



THERE is certainly no shortage of things to see and do around the capital. In fact, its endless list of monuments, cultural hotspots and attractions see visitors flocking here. If you are only on a flying visit, be sure to choose carefully, many landmarks are spread around the city.

Fortunately for visitors, three of its most iconic landmarks are all located centrally and together. **The Kremlin** and its red exterior is an undoubted must see.

Inside lies over 800 years of political history with entry R350. Next to it is **Red Square**, an area that has seen it all since the 15th century, from coronations to executions.

In its corner lies the splendid **St. Basil's Cathedral** (pictured). This

vivid and colourful architectural marvel is open daily. Make these three top of your list.

Away from the historical and architectural landmarks of **Red Square**, **Moscow** is home to a rich culture and a diverse offering, nowhere more evident than in the contrast between **Old** and **New Arbat**; the old provides vendors and tourist cafes, whilst the new houses the city's most lavish restaurants and nightclubs.

The Bolshoi Theatre is also centrally located. Tickets for shows tend to sell out well in advance, but tours do operate for tourists. These run from 12:00 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Got a head for heights? An alternate vista can be found from **The Ostankino Tower**. Here you

can view all of **Moscow** from a height of 340m. Open every day between 10:00-23:00, entry is R980, but must be booked in advance with your passport required when you visit.

If that all sounds rather exhausting then why not kick back and relax in **Gorky Park**? Adorned with cafes and restaurants it sits on the banks of the **Moscow River**, complete with hammocks should you need them. The area is a popular place to cycle. Bikes can be hired from over 150 self-service stations around the capital, however, you must be pre-registered online to do so. 24-hours will cost you R150 and there are currently over 40 bike lanes around **Moscow**.

Finally, if England's exploits leave you in need of detox, try **Sanduny Baths**, where utter relaxation costs the best part of R1,500.

WHAT WE CAN EXPECT

THE BELGIAN FANS' EMBASSY'S EXPERIENCE OF MOSCOW



AHEAD of our trip to Moscow we caught up with Tijs Cools from the Belgium Fans' Embassy, who visited the city for their group stage match against Tunisia.

How was Moscow for you?
Moscow was fantastic. It was like the whole world gathering together. You saw the jerseys of all the different countries: Belgium and Tunisia, but as well the Colombians and Mexicans. It was really one big World of football in Moscow.

What was your biggest memory from Moscow?
That would be the fan game on Red Square. The atmosphere in the small stadium was pretty cool too.

How did you get to and from the airport in Moscow?
From the airport to the hotel we used the Aeroexpress to the centre. This was very good, it was clean, spacious and was for free as it was matchday

minus one. From the station we then took a taxi. This took two hours to do just a few kilometres!

How did you get to the stadium?
We set up a meeting point close to Red Square and then walked to the metro station that went directly to the stadium. This worked out perfectly. We were a group of 600 and with regular metros it was a quick process. The journey was about 35 minutes from the centre. The traffic over there is too busy, whilst the metro is well organised.

What was your experience of the entry procedures to the stadium?
The security check went very quickly, but it was still thorough.

What facilities were available inside the stadium?
Inside there were many places to eat and drink and lots of toilets. The seats were alright as well. The security in the stadium was better than in Sochi and the stewards

understood the life of a football match and its fans.

Did Belgium fans experience any problems in the city?
A couple of fans lost their passports but that is not a Moscow specific problem. This was resolved quickly with the help of the Belgian Embassy.

Where would you advise fans to eat and drink in the city?
In the neighbourhood of Red Square there are lots of places. Although it is quite commercial so prices can be a bit higher. Fortunately you can eat and drink in lots of places. It is a huge city with many bars and restaurants all over.

Overall, what would you pass onto England fans in Moscow?
I would recommend to use the metro. The architecture underground is beautiful and some of the stations are so deep down, it is very impressive.

PARANOID ANDROID

WORDNERDS' TWITTER ANALYSIS

IN the last issue of Free Lions we reported on Wordnerds, a UK startup using Artificial Intelligence to summarise what fans are saying about the various members of the England squad on Twitter. Following England's thrashing of Panama, we couldn't resist an update.

Raheem Sterling seems to have been judged rather harshly by the Twittersphere once again. Interestingly, football journalists are far more generous with their

scores. Is Raheem unfairly judged? The player who enjoyed the highest percentage of positive tweets didn't even play. It seems Rashford has a huge amount of support and "starting" stands out a mile.

Kieran Trippier is also a fans' favourite, it seems, "underrated" though he is perceived to be, but spare a thought for "awful" Danny Rose, his replacement on 70 mins. The game was over and vastly different from the high intensity first half, leaving the Spurs fullback with little to do.

The official FIFA Man of the Match was Harry Kane, but two pens and a deflected touch split fans' opinions somewhere between "wizard" and "jammy".

This week's big climber, though, is Jesse Lingard. England's sexiest player, according to Wordnerds, received a staggering 55% more positive mentions and was widely compared to a certain Argentine.

See: www.wordnerds.eu

#	Player	% +ve	Most Common Words (Tunisia)	Most Common Words (Panama)	+/-
1	Marcus Rashford	93%	gamechanger, stretch	starting, mbappe	+11%
2	Kieran Trippier	91%	blinder, outstanding	deliveries, underrated	-1%
3	John Stones	88%	assist, push	outscoring, unmarked	+29%
4	Harry Kane	82%	spitting, corners, yessss	wizard, jammy	-7%
5	Jesse Lingard	82%	cursed, sexy	messi, filthy	+55%
6	Ruben Loftus-Cheek	82%	gotta start	pen, confident	-3%
7	Jamie Vardy	76%	N/A	no one passed to	NEW
8	Eric Dier	75%	henderson, prefer	maybe, play	-23%
9	Jordan Henderson	75%	outstanding, sideways	fit, passes, proven	+14%
10	Fabian Delph	67%	N/A	first touch	NEW
11	Jordan Pickford	62%	nothing to do	clean sheet	-10%
12	Harry Maguire	61%	grew, beast	busy, header	-14%
13	Kyle Walker	42%	idiot, liability	centre back	+26%
14	Ashley Young	33%	irony, bird	free kicks, left back	+10%
15	Danny Rose	31%	N/A	awful, instead	NEW
16	Delle Alli	25%	crooked, passenger	slim chance	-1%
17	Raheem Sterling	24%	sitter, scapegoat	scoresheet, sitters	+10%



THE STORY SO VAR

BY CLIVE HETHERINGTON

ENGLAND'S defeat by Belgium means the Three Lions face Group H winners Colombia here in Moscow.

The South Americans topped their section by beating Senegal 1-0 with a Yerry Mina goal. Japan qualified in second place in Group H due to having a better disciplinary record than Senegal, and despite losing 1-0 to Poland. Akira Nishino's men took a massive risk late on as they played out the game in an innocuous manner, which reflected very badly on both sides.

With the group stages behind us, let's take a look at the highlights and lowlights of the tournament's first phase.

One of the biggest shocks in World Cup history was witnessed when holders Germany were literally sent packing. It was the first time, as West Germany or unified Germany, that they had failed to progress beyond the first round of a World Cup since 1938.

But cracks were showing from the start as they lost their opening game 1-0 to Mexico, and Joachim Low's side were in danger of going out when trailing 1-0 at half-time to Sweden. Even after Marco Reus' lucky leveller, the Germans made life hard for themselves with Jerome Boateng's sending-off, but Toni Kroos' last-gasp goal clinched a 2-1 win.

Then came the mayhem of a decisive 2-0 defeat to South Korea,

both goals arriving in stoppage-time. Kim Young-gwon's effort was initially ruled out for offside, but VAR (video assistant referee) alerted American referee Mark Geiger to Kroos playing the ball, which deflected off Niklas Sule before reaching the scorer.

Tottenham's Son Heung-min added another when Germany keeper Manuel Neuer, up with the attack, lost possession to leave an unguarded goal. VAR was seen at its best in this match. Too often in the tournament, however, it has been found wanting. But more of that later.

World Cups never pass without controversy and Spain caused a stir before a ball was kicked by sacking head coach Julen Lopetegui. The Spanish federation acted – only two days ahead of their opener against neighbours Portugal – after being kept in the dark over Lopetegui agreeing to become Zinedine Zidane's successor at Real Madrid.

Fernando Hierro stepped in as coach and began his reign with a 3-3 thriller with the Euro 2016 winners in Sochi. It was a captivating contest of the

highest quality, one of the greatest at a World Cup in living memory, and it set the benchmark for the competition.

Cristiano Ronaldo and Diego Costa traded goals before Nacho's stupendous strike put Spain ahead for the first time. But Ronaldo, whose opener was a penalty, came up with a superlative late leveller – the first free-kick he had scored at a major tournament – to register the 51st hat-trick of his career. Remarkably, it was also the 51st treble in World Cup history.

Hosts Russia, who qualified behind efficient Uruguay, romped to a 5-0 win against Saudi Arabia in the tournament's opening match. Muscovite hearts sank at the Luzhniki Stadium when playmaker Alan Dzagoev pulled up with a hamstring injury. But Denis Cheryshev came off the bench to replace him and produced two outstanding goals as Russia recorded the biggest win on the first day of a World Cup since hosts Italy's 7-1 rout of the USA in 1934.

Now back to VAR. Australia suffered against France as history was made

>> CLIVE'S VERDICT

Prediction: Colombia 1 England 2

England meet Colombia for the sixth time – and the second at a World Cup. The Three Lions were 2-0 winners at France '98, Darren Anderton and David Beckham scoring in a group game to book an ill-fated last-16 date with

Argentina. England are unbeaten against Colombia, with three wins and two draws. Their last encounter was 13 years ago when England won 3-2, Michael Owen hitting a hat-trick on an American tour.

>> COLOMBIA – THE KEY THREE by Joe Hetherington



RADAMEL FALCAO

His country's record goalscorer, Falcao is one of the most prolific forwards in the world, despite his woeful spells in England.

With remarkable scoring rates at former clubs River Plate, Porto and Atletico Madrid, Manchester United thought they had made a real statement when they signed him on loan from Monaco in 2014, but the move did not work out with Falcao only managing four goals. The next season, the 32-year-old moved to Chelsea, again on loan, and fared even worse. This is Falcao's first World Cup, having missed out in 2010 when Colombia failed to qualify and in 2014 through injury.

with the first World Cup penalty awarded under the system, which is only supposed to come into play when there has been a "clear and obvious" error by the officials.

But was Josh Risdon's challenge on Antoine Griezmann a "clear and obvious" foul? FIFA have surely boxed themselves into a corner with that particular definition. Uruguayan referee Andres Cunha gave the spot-kick on review, Griezmann converted, and the French scraped a 2-1 win.

VAR's teething troubles resurfaced when England were twice denied a penalty in their 2-1 defeat of



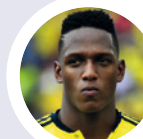
JUAN CUADRADO

With his dribbling skills and electrifying pace, the sight of Cuadrado

running with the ball is enough to worry any full-back. The midfielder is one of only a handful of players at the World Cup who can genuinely consider themselves a winger and is often seen hugging the touchline in hope of a through ball into space. The 30-year-old spent the majority of his time at Chelsea on loan at Juventus, and there is an argument that the London club let him go too soon when he moved back to Italy permanently last year. Has also played for Udinese and Fiorentina.

Tunisia. Skipper Harry Kane was hauled down, but neither Colombian referee Wilmar Roldan, nor the VAR team, took action. Nonetheless, Kane underlined his goal-scoring stock with a double strike, including a last-ditch winner.

Panama were punished by Egyptian referee Gheadeh Grisha and his team for grappling in the penalty area in England's 6-1 victory, as Kane bagged a hat-trick, with two spot-kicks, one of which was awarded for being pulled down by Anibal Godoy. But the whole thing descended into VAR-cha in Portugal's 1-1 draw with Iran. Referee Enrique Caceres



YERRY MINA

One of the most imposing centre-backs in the tournament, standing 6ft 5in.

The 23-year-old has scored in his national side's last two games: the first was against Poland in a 3-0 win and the second was the only goal of the match against Senegal. Mina signed for Barcelona in January of this year from Palmeiras of Brazil for a fee of around £10.5million, though the defender has made few appearances for the Catalan giants so far. He was in Colombia's squad for the 2016 Olympics, but missed the games due to an injury.

awarded a ridiculous late penalty for handball against Portugal's Southampton right-back Cedric Soares – Iran equalising with the spot-kick. The Paraguay official was inept, but VAR was too intrusive throughout the game.

In a bizarre match, Ronaldo saw a penalty saved by Alireza Beiranvand following a VAR check on the foul on him, and the Real Madrid striker was also booked after waiting for a review over what would have been a controversial red card for violent conduct.

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>> GETTING THERE

SO we've qualified from Group G and Columbia stands between us and a Quarter-final tie in Samara.



BY AIR

Samara's Kurumoch International Airport is 35km north of the city. This transport terminal welcomes daily connections from both **Moscow** and **Saint Petersburg**, with flights operated by Aeroflot, S7 and UTair.

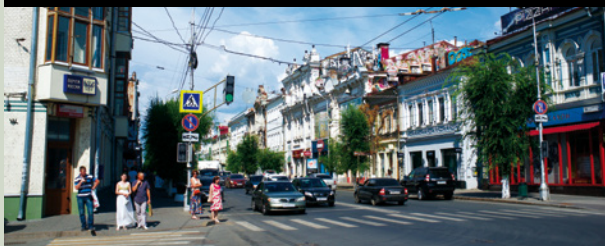
Direct flights from other host cities are hit and miss, although there is a regular service from **Ekaterinburg** to the west.

Outside of Russia direct options prove even more scarce, meaning many visitors fly via the capital or **Saint Petersburg**; demand will be high.

From the **Airport** to the city will take around 40 minutes in a taxi. This will cost R1,000 if using either the Uber or Yandex apps. But if looking to save a few rubles the bus or train are reasonable alternatives.

Buses 78 and 652 will take passengers from the **airport** to the centre and the train station. Whilst marshrutkas 392 and 406 will follow similar routes into **Samara**. Any of these will cost between R25-R60 depending on how long you travel for.

>> SAMARA



District: Volga District
Population: 1,100,000
Area: 541km²

Time zone: BST+3 hours
Average June temp.: 19°
From Moscow: 1,050km

Your other option is to board the city's Aeroexpress train. This service only runs twice a day in each direction, leaving the train station at 08:56 and 15:40, and the airport at 13:03 and 18:30. The journey takes one hour and 20 minutes including 6 stops, with a fare of R150 for adults.

When heading into the centre a shuttle bus will take you from the **airport** to the Aeroexpress platform. This bus is included in the cost of your ticket and will leave the terminal around 30-minutes before the train's scheduled departure.



BY TRAIN

Samara is located on a prominent Russian rail junction. This means many trains pass through the city, typically heading east or west. A number of trains arrive each day from **Moscow**, with a journey time between 14 and 20 hours. Of these services the flagship **Zhiguli** is the

quickest, but does not leave much change from R5,000. If travelling from **Saint Petersburg** trains take around 24 hours and tend to operate on alternate days. Elsewhere trains from **Volgograd** take 17 hours and normally cost R1,700.

Free trains will also be running to the city but must be reserved by visiting www.tickets.transport2018.com/free-train. You may find that these are already fully booked but it's worth a check.



BY BUS

Unlike most other host cities connections by bus can prove more efficient. One of the most popular routes in is from **Kazan**. It still takes a good nine hours but only costs R750 and leaves three times a day. Other notable connections come in from **Moscow** and **Nizhny Novgorod**.

The bus station is 6km southeast from **Samara's** centre.

>> WHAT TO EXPECT

A PLEASANT city on the confluence of the **Volga** and **Samara** rivers, many visitors use **Samara** as a base before visiting the nearby **Zhiguli Hills**. Others stay in the conurbation and explore the museums and lively arts scene.

Founded in 1586, **Samara** is the capital of the **Samara Region**. Built originally as a fortress overlooking the **Volga**, the city is now the sixth largest in Russia. **Samara** is the place where Russia's Civil War started and is widely recognised for playing a sizeable role in the nation's space programme. The city's contribution to the space race is marked with a museum.

Made up of nine districts, during World War II the city was earmarked as a possible replacement for **Moscow** due to its strong economic core. Stalin even had a bunker built in Samara should the capital have fallen during the conflict. After the war the city remained closed to outsiders as its industry grew. This growth has seen it evolve into what is now a renowned economic hub.

>> FAN FEST

Samara's Fan Fest will be located at **Kuibyshev Square**, with a capacity of 31,000.

>> THE STADIUM

THE **Samara Arena** has a capacity of 45,000 for World Cup matches. Its construction began back in 2014 and took just shy of four years to complete, eventually costing 320 million US dollars.

The arena's design is a nod to the city's aerospace heritage. The façade of the arena is a transparent dome, this has been done to give the impression of a spaceship. Internally it houses blue and white seats across four tiers. The middle two tiers host a number of corporate hospitality boxes and are significantly smaller than the tiers above and below.

The venue hosted four matches during the group stage, including a 3-0 defeat for hosts Russia against Group A winners, Uruguay.

After the tournament the stadium will be used by local club side **FC Krylia Sovetov Samara**, the team recently gained promotion to the Russian Premier League. The team have already played two fixtures at the ground as part of its preparation for this summer's World Cup.

>> GETTING TO THE GROUND

SITUATED in the highest part of **Samara** the stadium is in the **Radiotsestr District**.

Ahead of the World Cup the closest transport stops to the ground were still at least 20-minutes

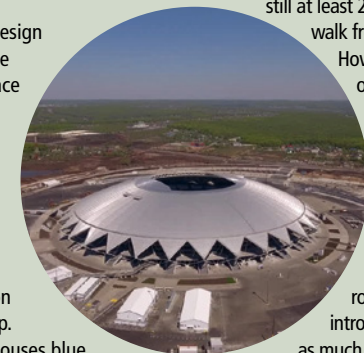
walk from the arena. However, a number of additional shuttle buses have been implemented during the tournament. At least eight different routes have been introduced to ensure as much convenience as possible for those travelling to the match.

We'll confirm details in full should we make it through to **Samara** for the quarter-finals.

We suspect that normal public transport routes will in fact be reduced on matchday. This is to give priority for the free shuttle services running to the stadium.

Where possible we recommend you use these.

Public transport it takes 45 minutes from the airport. If coming from the train station it will take you around 50 minutes.



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>> GETTING AROUND

PUBLIC transport is plentiful in **Samara**, as you would imagine in a city of its size. Most routes run in straight lines, so if you're looking to hop aboard it may be best to find the nearest major street.

Most people travelling around the city prefer to use a universal travel card. They are more convenient and it should save you some money. The card itself will cost you R100 and can be purchased from ticket offices and post offices. They are valid on the metro, buses, trams and trolleybuses, with each fare being R23.

Metro: The city's metro runs west to east. It spans downtown **Samara** from areas close to the waterfront towards the more industrial neighbourhoods. The system constitutes a single line of ten stations, the closest of which to the train station is **Alabinskaya** (bus 50 or tram 25 both go here). Alternatively you can go to **Moskovskaya**. From here trolleybuses 12, 17 and 20, or buses 1, 37 and 67 will take you to the station.

A single fare on the metro is R25.

Bus, Trolleybus, Tram: **Samara's** comprehensive bus network is

complemented by 24 tram routes and 15 trolleybus routes across the city.

Buses cover pretty much anywhere, while trams are less common in the most northern and southern districts. Trolleybuses cover much of the city, but do not operate in the **Krasnoglinskiy District**.

Electric train: Ideal for travel between the city's more remote sections, electric trains also cover the suburbs. Routes generally run from north to south on the eastern side of the city. Fares range between R20-R60 depending on the distance covered.



EATING AND DRINKING

SAMARA is yet to fully catch the tourism bug, a fact that is reflected in its reduced dining options. Choice is less varied, but prices are generally low, so eating out and enjoying a few drinks is usually affordable. Nevertheless, even the fussiest eaters will be able to track down a fast food joint if required.

Zhili-Byli is open until midnight daily and offers patrons good value Russian meals for around R250. It is a chain restaurant, but if you after something a bit more personal **Kipyatok** is for you. The eatery

serves up traditional fayre, as well as some more experimental dishes from around R300. Be sure to wash it down with a cranberry mors.

Elsewhere the cosy **Perchini Grill & Wine** (pictured) dishes up a selection of European favourites including vegetarian options. **Kon v Palto** is a renowned grill restaurant, complete with its own whisky bar and dancing room.

Do not fear, there is of course the token **Shannon Irish Pub** with a good selection of drinks and kitchen classics. Whilst **Churchill's Bar**, despite its name suggesting

English pub abroad, is actually an upmarket restaurant. Those seeking a more lively night may choose **Skvoznyak**. This is open from 19:00-late on Friday and Saturday's with a range of DJ's.

Self-caterers may want to visit the **Troitsky Market**, which is open everyday of the week. Here you should be spoilt for choice when it comes to fresh fish, meat, cheese and vegetables.

>> THINGS TO SEE AND DO



WITHOUT a rich history in tourism, **Samara** doesn't offer a huge range of things to see and do. However, for the few days around the match you should find enough to keep you busy.

The **Zhiguli Brewery** may be just the start. Here you can treat yourself to a tipple from one of the kiosks and explore the fresh food stalls nearby.

If the match itself is not enough to quench your thirst for football, **Samara** is home to the only **Football Museum** of its kind in Russia. Admission is R100.

One of the city's most renowned tourist spots is also one of its most historical. A trip to **Stalin's Bunker** is popular despite the high entry fees; realistically, you need to be with a tour guide from a registered tour company to enter.

The **Samara Art Museum** is open every day except Tuesday between 10:00-18:00 and until 20:00 on Wednesdays. You'll find a different take on art at the **Children's Art Museum**. Here, work produced by children is displayed daily between 09:00- 17:00, entry is R100.

The **Alabin Museum** is **Samara's** take on natural history, with exhibits on palaeontology and archaeology. Entry is R100.

Elsewhere the **Municipal Museum Cosmic Samara** charts the history of the region's aerospace industry.

Be warned, opening hours alter along with admission prices depending on the exhibits present.

>> ACCOMMODATION

If you find yourself on the hunt for accommodation, the city does offer a mixture of options, but at this late stage prices will be sky high.

You may want to try searching:

- hotels.fifa.com
- welcome2018.com/en/hotels
- booking.com
- Expedia
- Airbnb

Wherever you're looking, be certain to comprehensively check the details before making a booking or placing a deposit.



Additionally, as has been the case in **Volgograd** and **Nizhny Novgorod** and **Kaliningrad**, you must register in every host city you visit within 24 hours of arrival.

This registration is normally done by your accommodation, but it is solely your responsibility to ensure that this has been done - so please do double check.

Answers

Musica Quiz
1. Sham 69 2. Blondie 3. Glasgow 4. The Cure 5. 'Mary's Boy Child' with Scotland 6. Dave 'Harry' Bassett 7. 'Citizen Kane' 8. Harry Styles 9. 'Harry's Game' 10. Prince Harry and Meghan Markle

Scouse Phil's Free Lions Football Quiz
1. Poland 2. Sergio Aguero of Argentina and Manchester City 3. Granite Xhaka of Switzerland and Arsenal 4. 48 5. Keisuke Honda of Japan 6. Video assistant referee 7. Lionel Messi of Argentina 8. 45 9. Brazil 10. Nick Pope of Burnley

SQUAD LISTS



COLOMBIA SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS:

1. David **OSPINA** (Arsenal)
12. Camilo **VARGAS** (Deportivo Cali)
22. Jose Fernando **CUADRADO** (Once Caldas)

DEFENDERS:

2. Cristian **ZAPATA** (AC Milan)
3. Oscar **MURILLO** (Pachuca)
4. Santiago **ARIAS** (PSV Eindhoven)
13. Yerry **MINA** (Barcelona)
17. Johan **MOJICA** (Girona)
18. Farid **DIAZ** (Club Olimpia)
23. Davinson **SANCHEZ** (Tottenham Hotspur)

MIDFIELDERS:

5. Wilmar **BARRIOS** (Boca Juniors)
6. Carlos **SANCHEZ** (Espanyol)
8. Abel **AGUILAR** (Deportivo Cali)
10. James **RODRIGUEZ** (Bayern Munich)
11. Juan **CUADRADO** (Juventus)
15. Mateus **URIBE** (America)
16. Jefferson **LERMA** (Levante)
20. Juan Fernando **QUINTERO** (River Plate)

FORWARDS:

7. Carlos **BACCA** (Villarreal)
9. Radamel Falcao **GARCIA** (Monaco)
14. Luis **MURIEL** (Sevilla)
19. Miguel **BORJA** (Palmeiras)
21. Jose **IZQUIERDO** (Brighton Hove & Albion)



ENGLAND SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS:

1. Jordan **PICKFORD** (Everton)
13. Jack **BUTLAND** (Stoke City)
23. Nick **POPE** (Burnley)

DEFENDERS:

2. Kyle **WALKER** (Manchester City)
3. Danny **ROSE** (Tottenham Hotspur)
5. John **STONES** (Manchester City)
6. Harry **MAGUIRE** (Leicester City)
12. Kieran **TRIPPIER** (Tottenham Hotspur)
15. Gary **CAHILL** (Chelsea)
16. Phil **JONES** (Manchester United)
17. Fabian **DELPH** (Manchester City)
18. Ashley **YOUNG** (Manchester United)
22. Trent **ALEXANDER-ARNOLD** (Liverpool)

MIDFIELDERS:

4. Eric **DIER** (Tottenham Hotspur)
7. Jesse **LINGARD** (Manchester United)
8. Jordan **HENDERSON** (Liverpool)
20. Dele **ALLI** (Tottenham Hotspur)
21. Ruben **LOFTUS-CHEEK** (Chelsea)

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9. Harry **KANE** (Tottenham Hotspur)
10. Raheem **STERLING** (Manchester City)
11. Jamie **VARDY** (Leicester City)
14. Danny **WELBECK** (Arsenal)
19. Marcus **RASHFORD** (Manchester United)

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Juan Cuadrado – skills and electrifying pace